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Referred to the Committee on Resources

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## AN ACT

To designate Catoctin Mountain Park in the State of Maryland as the “Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area”, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Catoctin Mountain Na-  
5 tional Recreation Area Designation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

3 (1) the Catoctin Recreation Demonstration  
4 Area, in Frederick County, Maryland—

5 (A) was established in 1933; and

6 (B) was transferred to the National Park  
7 Service by executive order in 1936;

8 (2) in 1942, the presidential retreat known as  
9 “Camp David” was established in the Catoctin  
10 Recreation Demonstration Area;

11 (3) in 1954, approximately 4,400 acres of land  
12 in the Catoctin Recreation Demonstration Area was  
13 transferred to the State of Maryland and designated  
14 as Cunningham Falls State Park;

15 (4) in 1954, the Catoctin Recreation Dem-  
16 onstration Area was renamed “Catoctin Mountain  
17 Park”;

18 (5) the proximity of Catoctin Mountain Park,  
19 Camp David, and Cunningham Falls State Park and  
20 the difference between management of the parks by  
21 the Federal and State government has caused long-  
22 standing confusion to visitors to the parks;

23 (6) Catoctin Mountain Park is 1 of 17 units in  
24 the National Park System and 1 of 9 units in the  
25 National Capital Region that does not have the word  
26 “National” in the title; and

1           (7) the history, uses, and resources of Catoctin  
 2       Mountain Park make the park appropriate for des-  
 3       ignation as a national recreation area.

4       (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to des-  
 5       ignate Catoctin Mountain Park as a national recreation  
 6       area to—

7           (1) clearly identify the park as a unit of the  
 8       National Park System; and

9           (2) distinguish the park from Cunningham  
 10      Falls State Park.

11   **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

12       (a) MAP.—The term “map” means the map entitled  
 13       “Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area”, num-  
 14       bered 841/80444B and dated April 2005.

15       (b) RECREATION AREA.—The term “recreation area”  
 16       means the Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area  
 17       designated by section 4(a).

18       (c) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the  
 19       Secretary of the Interior.

20   **SEC. 4. CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL RECREATION**  
 21       **AREA.**

22       (a) DESIGNATION.—Catoctin Mountain Park in the  
 23       State of Maryland shall be known and designated as the  
 24       “Catoctin Mountain National Recreation Area”.

1       (b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, reg-  
2   ulation, document, paper, or other record of the United  
3   States to Catoctin Mountain Park shall be deemed to be  
4   a reference to the Catoctin Mountain National Recreation  
5   Area.

6       (c) BOUNDARY.—

7           (1) IN GENERAL.—The recreation area shall  
8   consist of land within the boundary depicted on the  
9   map.

10          (2) AVAILABILITY OF MAP.—The map shall be  
11   on file and available for public inspection in the ap-  
12   propriate offices of the National Park Service.

13          (3) ADJUSTMENTS.—The Secretary may make  
14   minor adjustments in the boundary of the recreation  
15   area consistent with section 7(c) of the Land and  
16   Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C.  
17   460l–9(c)).

18       (d) ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may  
19   acquire any land, interest in land, or improvement to land  
20   within the boundary of the recreation area by donation,  
21   purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or ex-  
22   change.

23       (e) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall admin-  
24   ister the recreation area—

6 (B) the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C.  
7 461 et seq.); and

(2) in a manner that protects and enhances the scenic, natural, cultural, historical, and recreational resources of the recreation area.

12       There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
13 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

Attest: EMILY J. REYNOLDS,  
*Secretary.*